Mr. SPEAKER.—The House will now rise for lunch.

The Assembly adjourned for Lunch at Thirty Minutes past Three of the Clock and re-assembled at Eight Minutes past Four of the Clock, Mr. Speaker (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa) in the Chair.

The City of Bangalore Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1951.

Motion to refer:

*The Hon'ble Sri H. C DASAPPA (Minister for Finance and Industries).— Sir, I beg to move:

"That the City of Bangalore Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1951, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members—

The Hon'ble Sri R. Chennigaramiah,
Sri V. M. Mascarenhas,
Sri V. S. Narayana Rao,
Sri B. M. Shamanna Gowda,
Sri K. Puttaswamy,
Sri D. M Siddaiya,
Sri M. N. Mahanta Devaru and
Sri W.H. Hanumanthapppa
and the mover"

I do not think that I should make any speech on this occasion. We have found from the experience of working these two measures both in Bangalore and Mysore that some changes are called for. The various clauses are explained in the Bill itself and in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. For instance the powers of the Chairman. These have got to be increased more or less in conformity with those of other Heads of Departments. And then there are certain obligatory duties cast on the Boards to carry out the directions of the Government. It is a new Clause. There is then the question of assessing the betterment fee, where we take up fairly costly improvements, like slum clearance and so on by which the properties in the neighbourhood gain in value. This exists in the Madras Trust Board Act and we have thought it advisable to have a similar provision in our Act. I do not think I should say much more with regard to the other provisions. They are more or less helpful to the working of the Trust Board. There is also the question of lay-outs. When the Corporation Act was passed in this House certain provisions were incorporated to provide for lay-outs. We now see that there is certain overlapping of functions and we want to avoid it. That is one of the reasons why I welcome my Hon'ble friend Sri R. Chennigaramiah into the Committee and we have taken care to put as many of Bangalore and Mysore Cities' friends as possible on the Select Committee. I do not think I should say much more on this occasion; I would commend this motion to refer the Bill to a Select Committee for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

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The Hon'ble Sri R. Chennigaramiah
Sri V M. Mascarenhas.
Sri V. S. Narayana Rao.
Sri B. M. Shamanna Gowda.
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Sri D. M. Siddaiya.
Sri M. N. Mahantha Devaru and
Sri W H. Hanumanthappa
and the mover"

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga—Muslim).— The name of Janab Mahmood Sheriff may kindly be included.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.— I have no objection.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

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The Hon'ble Sri R. Chennigaramaiah.
Sri V. M. Mascarenhas.
Sri V. S. Narayana Rao.
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Sri D. M. Siddaiya.
Sri M. N. Mahanta Devaru.
Sri W H. Hanumanthappa and
Janab Mahmood Sheriff
and the mover"

The motion was adopted.